

# Site Access & Science (SAS) Working Group

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Presentation to the  
RHIC & AGS  
Users' Executive Committee

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# Action Items Being Addressed

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- Remote Computer Requests
- Family Member ID Cards
- New Improved Guest Arrival Notification
- Guests & Visitors Center Proposal
- Temporary Badging System
- Site Access Questionnaire

# Remote Computer User Requests

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Problem: If you request remote computer access you cannot have physical access until a new request is made

Solution: New categories will be:

- Physical on-site access to BNL
- Physical on-site & remote computer access
- BNL sponsored off-site event

Requires: Changes to web registration system, system @ trailer, scanner, PeopleSoft database, retraining of staff, and e-mail notification system

# Family Member ID Cards

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- Coming: Users' Center will be issuing family member ID cards for foreign national guest family members
- BNL's Badging Office will continue to issue family member ID cards for US guest family members

# New Improved Guest Arrival Notification (formerly known as "Check-in/Check-out")

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- Improvements include:
  - e-mail verification to the guest
  - Check on facility/experiment being utilized
  - If facility/experiment are changed, there is e-mail notification to the Guest Administrator so that the FVA requirements and training requirements can be re-evaluated
- Phase II upgrades will include links to outstanding training and a link to scanners at the front gate

# Guests & Visitors Center Proposal

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- Committee formed to investigate common practices with guests, users, visitors, and contractors coming to the laboratory
- Committee met twice 11/7/05 and 12/15/05
- Frank Marotta, Assistant to Andy McNerney (Operations Directorate), was asked to head this committee
- Susan spent many hours with Frank discussing how the guest system works at BNL
- Frank submitted report to Andy McNerney on 1/6/06

# Temporary Badging System

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- Users' Center was given permission and equipment by Security to allow the issuance of temporary ID badges to guests
  - Ensure guests who might not be able to obtain a permanent ID card (for whatever reasons) can obtain gate access during non-working hours

# Site Access & Science Questionnaire

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- Questions solicited by Susan
- Draft put together and revised by Jim
  - Thanks Brant for useful suggestions
- Final draft ready for approval - 20 questions
  - 3 questions to sort responses
  - 8 on site access
  - 4 training and records
  - 3 computing access
  - 2 open ended on what the lab does well and doesn't
- Some questions should be repeated to gauge progress
- If no objections by Tues. 1/17 will prepare for release



# Action Items Still Pending

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- Remote Users: ITD working on consistent policy between FVA and ITD—unsure of status
- Computer Accreditation: still under development
- Request visitor network be installed at STAR and PHENIX
- Computer account management through PeopleSoft

# Report from the Users' Center

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# Items Being Addressed at Users' Center

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- ATLAS
- NASA
- NUFO
- ASAP
- UEC Budget & Account
- PHOBOS
- Tandem
- UEC Thank You Letters

# ATLAS

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- Matching appointments with individuals who have computer accounts with individuals who have training
- ATLAS has been included on Users' Center web page
- ATLAS training has been agreed upon & training web page has been posted
- JTAs need to be issued
- Registration forms are being processed by the Users' Center

# NASA Space Radiation Laboratory

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- Developing an integrated reporting system for combining PeopleSoft database with NSRL data into a completed NASA report.
- Coordinating a proposal/training database to improve the safety oversight and increase the efficiency of processing new users.

# National User Facility Organization Meeting

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- Next Meeting: March 28-29, 2006 at FERMI
- Sponsored: Sasha Kopp, FERMI UEC Chair
- Topics
  - National Academy of Sciences' report entitled "Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future"
  - Safety. Ensure guests are properly trained while maximizing time for research. How do we do it now? Can we standardize some of the training and establish better policies on training reciprocity? Representatives of the five nanoscience centers have been meeting regularly to address this particular issue. What can we learn from them?

# Additional Suggestion for Discussion @ NUFO Meeting

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- A discussion of how user info can be provided to user groups in a way that is useful for advocacy projects might be worthwhile.
- Feedback please

# Miscellaneous Items

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- ASAP
  - Next Cross-talk January 19, 2006
  - Host: NSLS
- UEC Account
  - No progress to-date
- PHOBOS
  - Terminating non-collaborators
  - Re-evaluating JTA
- Tandem
  - Patent Agreement issues
- UEC Thank You Letters



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Questions, comments, & suggestions are  
always welcome